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"If you're told repeatedly 'You can't ask questions, you can't ask questions, we're not prepared to answer that, we don't know,' we become very, very distrustful of the whole process."

Paul MacInnes
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Angry crowd blasts airport study

by JENN WATT
 Times Staff

Consultants hired by Algonquin Highlands to complete a feasibility

study for the proposed 4,000-foot runway at Stanhope Airport got an earful Saturday as a steady stream of residents stepped up to the microphone at the Dorset recreation

centre to voice their disapproval of the project.

Despite repeated attempts by moderator Nigel Bellchamber to get the packed room of people to

comment on the 340-page study only, most questions were thinly veiled criticism of council's actions up to this point.

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Jenn Watt/TIMES

A long line of concerned residents waited for hours to register their distaste for a second runway at the Stanhope Airport during a public forum on the recently released feasibility report at Dorset's recreation centre Saturday. For detailed coverage of the report's findings, please see story on page 18. For more photos of the meeting, see page 20.

Candidate wants 'a greener tomorrow'

by KIM HATTIN
 Special to The Times

With everyone trying to conserve energy and go green, it was just a matter of time before Green came to Parliament.

The Green Party was started to make sure that environmental is-

ssues were not overlooked and became a priority of the government.

This riding's Green Party candidate, Michael Bell, is running to bring Green thinking and change to the area. "I'm 'looking forward to a greener tomorrow.'"

Bell is an established entrepreneur, publisher, arts promoter and singer/songwriter. He has been a

behind-the-scenes co-ordinator in various organizations such as the Peterborough food bank and Amnesty International.

Investigating and reporting on environmental and social issues that have become local and global concerns are all part of his magazine *The Wire*, which he has been publishing since the early '90s.

The Green Party ties into Bell's beliefs about the environment and social issues that affect his community.

"The Green Party has had a unique opportunity to invent themselves and take the best ideas from where ever they come," said Bell.

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There is also a silent auction for adult banners again this year. Bidding has already started and closes December 1 at 5 p.m.

Go to the Storeroom to place your bids for the banner you'd like to purchase.

"The adult banners are auctioned off, but the children's banners go back to the children," said Deborah Lyons from the banner committee.

All money raised in the auction goes back to the committee for next year's festival.

Coyote presentation line-up

Friday's line up of guest speakers at the predator control workshop include Brent Patterson, a coyote specialist from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Anita O'Brien, the sheep and goat specialist for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and a sheep farmer who has dealt with his own predator problems. There will also be representation from the local MNR office.

Organizers say it will be an excellent and informative meeting and everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting at the Minden United Church on September 26 at 7 p.m.

MPP's petition promotes trades apprenticeships

Local MPP Laurie Scott has launched a petition to ask the Liberal government to reform Ontario's key apprenticeship ratio.

"The current rules often prevent companies from offering these great jobs and training opportunities because they can only have one apprenticeship for every three journeyman tradespeople," she says in a press release. "We should do what other provinces have done and reduce that ratio to one-to-one so that more young people can become apprentices, start on great careers, and help Ontario meet its critical shortage of skilled workers."

Scott says that this change would be welcomed by businesses across the province, particularly in the construction and manufacturing sectors. It would also help boost Ontario's failing economy by getting more people into the workforce and helping businesses expand and grow.

"Best of all," says Scott, "making this change won't cost taxpayers a single dime."

MPP Scott's petition is on www.lauriescottmpp.com and also available at her Lindsay constituency office.

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Candidates take a stand on Afghanistan

by KIM HATTIN
Special to The Times

Since 9/11 there have been heated debates about Canada's involvement with NATO and its role in Afghanistan. Canadian troops have also become a topic for the upcoming election as the parties debate when and if there will be a set pull out date.

As the Conservative candidate, Barry Devolin says Canada has a role to play in Afghanistan since the United Nations asked NATO to act on its behalf, and Canada is a part of both the UN and NATO.

"There are 50,000 troop members in Afghanistan and only 2,000 of them are Canadian. When Canada reaches the pull out date another country will have to step in to replace the fraction that Canada was playing," Devolin says.

In 2006 Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposed a bill that would keep the Canadian troops in Kandahar. However, it notified the other allies that the Canadian troops would be pulling out in 2011.

While Canadian troops are in Kandahar, the most hostile area of Afghanistan, Canadians are not playing a strictly military role, Devolin says. "It is hard to draw a line with combat and non-combat actions taken over there."

Canada has a future military and developmental role in Afghanistan and its image as a helpful nation will support the development of civilian infrastructure, he says.

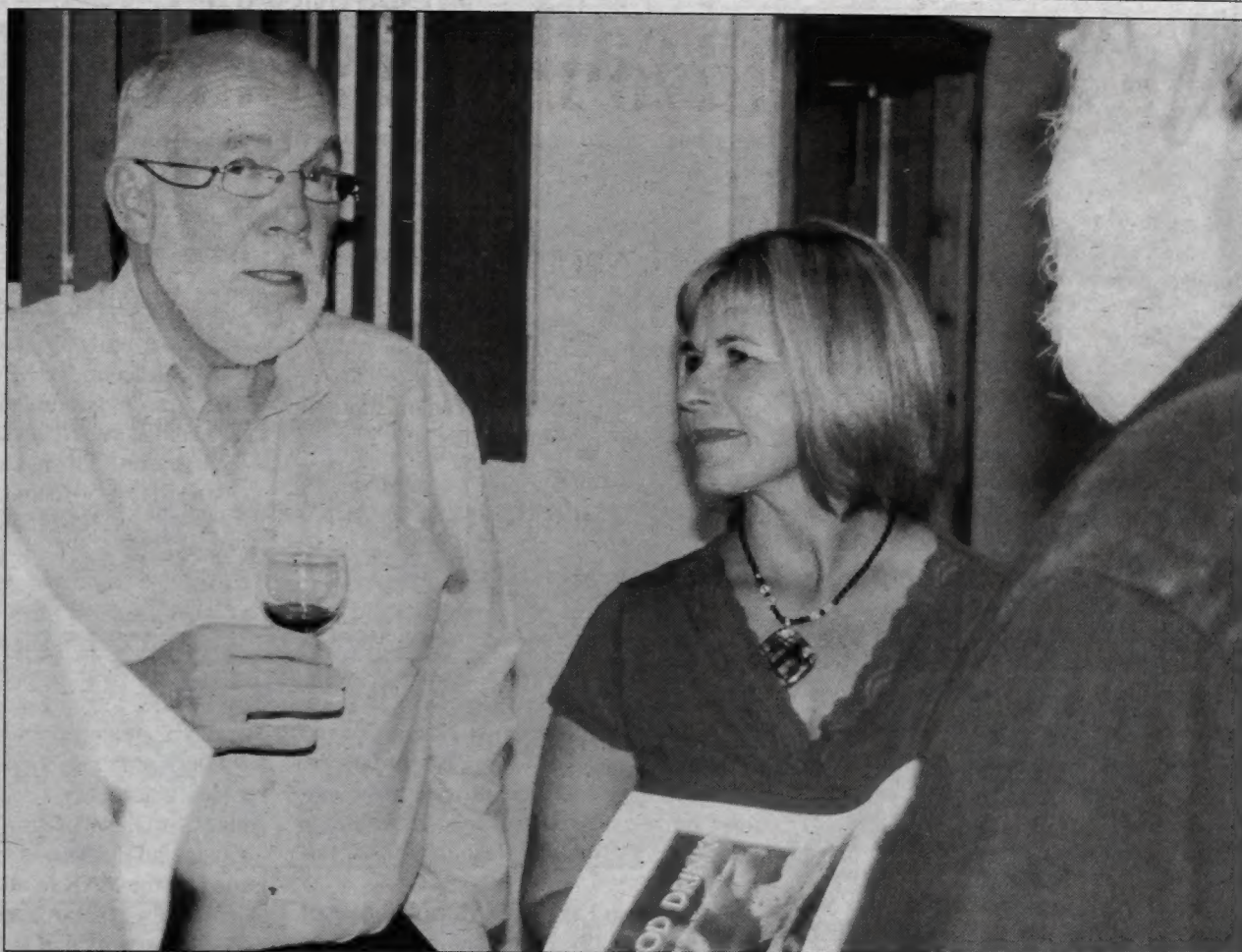
The local candidate for the Liberal Party, Marlene White, said, "I believe that Canada has always been internationally renowned for its peace-keeping role through the world and this is a role which we should be playing in Afghanistan."

The Liberal party says Canada committed to remain in Afghanistan until February 2011 and that with this presence in Afghanistan some good things have been happening.

"Recently 600 doctors graduated and 300 were women," White says of the list of accomplishments. "We are building water reservoirs, bridges, hospitals and schools."

"We need clear goals, co-ordinated between the military, the diplomatic and the development sectors. We need to assist in the curbing of the opium industry and providing farmers viable economic alternatives."

Jenn Wau/TIMES



Liberal candidate Marlene White, centre, attended Saturday night's wine and cheese event at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and discussed arts with fellow patrons such as Peter Oyler, left.

However, she adds that "It is time for our allies to include their forces into a rotation into the risky areas of the country. Our young men and women should now assume a peacekeeping role and focus on the things that are important to civilians: roads, water, electricity, and health care."

"If we can help the people through financial aid, through rebuilding their country, through education and training of their own people," White says, "then we have accomplished much to restore Canada's reputation as a humanitarian country."

Green Party candidate Michael Bell feels that Canada should assume a peacekeeping role. "I think it's time that Canada re-asserts our role as peacekeepers rather than soldiers. The Greens believe we should no longer be part of a U.S.-led NATO force and our troops should return home."

Bell also believes that Canada's removal needs to be a gradual one, because a quick withdrawal would form an opening for organized crime and tribal warlords to fill. "With a specific plan to leave the region, Canada could begin putting more emphasis on the hand-over rather than the reconstruction. In the end, it should be the United Nations helping 'govern' the region rather than Western NATO interests."

The New Democratic candidate Stephen Yardy says that the NDP has a plan to make Canada a world leader in peacekeeping and international justice.

"The New Democrats have consistently called for the im-

mediate withdrawal of troops from combat in Afghanistan, while ensuring that Canada delivers on its development commitments there. After almost seven years of counter-insurgency warfare, the security situation has only gotten worse, corruption has increased and poppy production is up," said Yardy.

Yardy is pushing for a prime minister that will put humanitarian concerns before pleasing Washington. "We want to increase international aid. For every nine dollars going towards the war in Afghanistan only one dollar has been going towards aid and reconstruction."

Canada should respect its commitment to the other alliances, says the Heritage Christian Party candidate, David Switzer.

Switzer, a Haliburton resident and retired barber, feels that the military should be seen only as a police action to make the environment safe for the developmental work being done there. "Canada is there due to a duty to NATO and a United Nation obligation. The mission needs a clear definition of purpose, and a proposed time line for attaining the missions goal," said Switzer.

There are a lot of terrorists in the world, said Switzer. A lot of people died on 9/11 and Canada went to Afghanistan to rid the world of terrorists. The mission was to restore the democracy in Afghanistan. Switzer does not think Canada should leave Afghanistan. If Canada leaves, it will weaken the alliance. Canada should "stay the course," he says.

Green Party candidate says a happy worker is a productive worker

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"It is this all inclusiveness that has brought supporters and disenfranchised voters over to the Greens from every political party. The Greens are neither left nor right; they are out front."

Green Party believes that the government should allow change and move towards diminishing inequality and to provide quality public services.

Bell says it has an innovative and inspired perspective on the social and environmental issues and wants to work with provincial and municipal leaders to see what needs to be accomplished and to set up a realistic timeframe in which to see the plans start taking form.

The Liberals' talk of a green tax has swept the debates in the recent election campaign. The Green Party is suggesting bringing in a green tax as well, although the environ-

ment is not their only platform.

Among other things, the Green Party wants to introduce income splitting, arrange rebates for rural Canadians, increase post-secondary education funding and protect and improve our health-care system.

There is also the talk of reducing the rate employers would have to pay towards employment insurance and the Canadian Pension Plan. This reduction will be then covered by the extra monies that would be generated by a revamped tax system, said Bell.

In the strategy to create a stable economy and job market, the Green Party believes that when workers are happy and healthy they are more productive, therefore making the market share worldwide increasingly larger, said Bell. "Also there is an offer of tax rebates to companies that provide on-the-job-site daycare, healthy food and facilities for exercise and commuting by bicycle."



Submitted photo

Green Party candidate Michael Bell is a Peterborough-based publisher who likes the party's inclusiveness.

Wet summer weather keeps planes on the ground

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the September 18 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

This summer's wet weather was partially to blame for lower than normal turnouts at the Stanhope Airport, manager John Packer told council.

"I've heard from locals that they haven't seen weather like this in 60 years," he said.

In addition, there were substantially fewer forest fires, meaning that the Ministry of Natural Resources used the airport less. This year there were 330 fires. Usually that number is closer to 3,000.

"Tourism was down, period," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "It is good news we don't have fires. Revenue was down though."

According to Packer's monthly report for August, there were 165 itinerant, or stop over, take offs or landings this year compared with 201 last year. For local flights there were 35 compared to 135 last year.

Jet fuel sales were also down. This year \$3,457.03 of fuel was sold compared with \$7,184.60 last year.

Tree-cutting accident damages boat

One of the water trails boats was damaged beyond repair in August when a tree that was being felled by municipal staff unexpectedly landed on it.

Mark Coles, director of the program, said that along with replacing the 14-foot alumi-

num boat valued at \$2,200, the program's other motorboat has reached its life expectancy and should be replaced in 2009.

"We made it past the peak in the season ... so we're doing just fine," said Coles.

In his report on the tree-cutting incident, Coles wrote that "at no time does the author believe staff acted in a careless or unsafe manner. The only mistake was the distance the boat equipment was parked on shore in relation to the tree cutting site."

Water trails to expand into Lake of Bays

The municipality of Lake of Bays has requested that the water trails program take on management of the remaining westerly portion of the Black Lake canoe loop including Red and Blue Chalk Lakes, Carcass and Pairio Lakes and associated portages.

Lake of Bays is in the process of obtaining land use permits from the Bracebridge Ministry of Natural Resources for this purpose.

Money from Lake of Bays would be provided to allow the water trails program to cover these areas.

"We took this on and our tax dollars have gone into this program... I don't think our taxes should subsidize other programs," Harrison said.

Coles said that Lake of Bays would be asked for money to provide toilets, fire pits and signage.

"If they wish for us in the future to manage campsites and portages further ... as part of that loop I was describing there has

to be some investment from Lake of Bays to cover the costs of doing that," he said.

Cleaning up Crown and Wolf Lakes

The water trails program will be consulting with Bracebridge MNR to see if monitoring of access points to Crown and Wolf Lakes can be established.

One site on Crown Lake has been used by upwards of 50 people who established a "tarp city" this summer, sparking complaints from local residents.

Coles did two trips to the site, which is on Crown land, on June 30 and August 8 to investigate the complaints. The first time he discovered a "free-for-all" and the second time he didn't even get out of his truck because of the taunts of campers.

"When you're dealing with this particular location, this is a scary situation," said councillor Diane Griffin.

Coles said that he wants a land-use permit issued by the MNR to allow the water trails staff to patrol the area and discourage misuse of the site, which is an access point for boaters to the lake.

Council was wary of the danger to staff, though. "Mark, I wouldn't want you to go up there with some of the things that go on up there. I think the best situation is to discourage camping there," said councillor Don Shortreed.

Shortreed suggested closing down the site by reforesting the area and putting boulders around so campsites would be unfeasible.

"It's almost like a downloading from the MNR again because it's their responsibility," said Harrison. "They're not going to do anything. Let's be honest about it."

Although council was not hopeful about the MNR stepping in to police the site, they

decided to at least try consulting with them. After that meeting more discussion on how to deal with rowdy campers will happen.

Landfill nearly full

Early estimates on the life of the Dorset landfill may have given it more time than it has.

Public works operator Brian Whetstone told council that now is the time to begin shifting to a transfer station at the site, rather than expecting it to take more garbage over the coming years.

"We thought we had more time than we really have. We've pushed the envelope and pushed the envelope and pushed the envelope," he said.

In a report to council, Whetstone wrote that a recent study of the site has indicated "the south area is full, or at worst a little above approved capacity."

"We are at least one year ahead of predicted capacity and closure," he wrote. "Optimistically this means we may reach full capacity at the summer of 2010."

Whetstone will now begin the preparing closure plans and apply for a certificate of approval to turn the site into a transfer station.

Library gets more books

The Dorset library branch will receive the additional shelving it requested at council's last meeting.

In an effort to increase usage of the branch, residents had requested a larger selection of books.

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Remembering their comrades

On Sunday afternoon, the Minden Legion held its annual Decoration Day service at the Minden cemetery. It was a chance to honour the memories of veterans and make sure their efforts on behalf of all Canadians are not forgotten. Above left, the crowd stands as the colour party arrives. Above, Lorie Reddering silences the crowd with her beautiful trumpet solo. At right are members of the ladies colour party: Shirley Milne, Carol Hill, Irene Fuhr, Karen Chapman and May Bradbury. Photos by Chyna Schell.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Just because you can doesn't mean you should

Taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands are fed up with the way council has handled the potential second runway for the Stanhope Airport. That came out loud and clear at the meeting Saturday as resident after resident took the mike to deplore the way the municipality has handled the issue.

It didn't matter that the meeting was supposed to be about the runway feasibility study done by a series of consultants. People took the opportunity to make the meeting about their concerns.

It is partially due to the municipal process that does not allow for question and answer periods with councillors that has created this situation. It is also because residents have been told over and over to wait before asking questions.

Without much fuss, the consultants took the brunt of the residents' anger, even though they were innocent in the whole situation. The councillors listened silently for the entire four-hour meeting.

Now CAO Lorne Mitchell will prepare a financial impact report for council to determine whether the project will work. It is almost certain that he will come back with a way to pay for the \$3.5-million project.

Plus, it was announced recently that the federal government has new money for small community infrastructure, which council will surely apply for.

All of this will need to be done before any discussion on whether Algonquin Highlands should put in a new runway is decided.

Realistically, it would have been prudent to figure out the *should* before the *could*. However, we now know after a \$90,000 study that a runway can be built. What is left is providing a good justification for it.

The property owners of Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes area should be applauded for doing the footwork and raising so many questions about the necessity of such a grand project. To date, council has never discredited their arguments.

For example, would the new runway truly achieve 10,000 movements (take-offs and landings) a year when we're currently at 3,000 or less? Would more businesses locate around the airport? Would MedEvac actually use the landing strip when both of the county's hospitals have helicopter pads?

Then there is the cost. Even if the federal government coughed up some money for infrastructure from the Building Canada Fund, it probably wouldn't be enough. What if they agreed to pay 50 per cent? Would Algonquin Highlands then pay the other \$1.5 million? With a population so small how can such a large project be justified?

Some angry residents suggested there are ulterior motives behind this heavy push by council to get the runway done.

Beyond the conspiracy theories is a sense of frustration. If council refuses to answer questions about the "should" of a huge project for years because they can't answer the "could" people get suspicious. It is not surprising they began to think there was something suspect happening behind the scenes.

Let's clear all the air and have another public meeting, this time with residents and councillors face-to-face. Only then can anything proceed with the accountability and clarity the public deserves.

Jenn Watt

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Iron Mine landfill stops roadside dumping

The following letter was first sent to
Minden Hills council and Bob Romberg,
director of environmental services.

I am writing to express our families' support for the continuation of the Iron Mine landfill as a transfer station.

Our family has been paying taxes and cottaging on Davis Lake for 92 years and for the past few decades have been frequent three-season users of this landfill site. In fact we can still remember when there was no landfill within easy access to our lake and still have visions of bags of garbage littering the Davis Lake and Boundary

Roads. I mention this fact given human nature and the likelihood of history repeating itself in the event of a complete closure of the local Iron Mine site.

Davis Lake has approximately 125 cottages now – far more than decades before when the lack of an easily accessible landfill resulted in illegal roadside dumping. I believe Clear Lake and South Beaver Lake have grown in numbers since then as well.

With regards to the current and previous use of the Iron Mine site, it is obvious to the regular users of this location that:

see MINDEN HILLS page 8

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Militant Millie rallies the troops

THE WORLD IS ONCE AGAIN in flux. There's war in the Middle East, financial crisis in the U.S., and instability in Russia.

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Make no mistake — this unlawful mob is unrelenting and determined in their bid for freedom. They protest at midnight just as easily as at noon. And their voices are being heard all the way to my office.

I won't lie to you; the pressure is mounting. At any moment now, I expect to feel the effects of stepped-up international demands. Heck, I wouldn't be

surprised if I received calls from Bono, George Clooney, or Scooby Doo.

But, before you join the growing protest, hear me out. Our position is simple and just. We only want what's good for them.

Clearly, these pups are not yet ready for true freedom. Intellectually and emotionally, they are nowhere near mature enough. They're still yapping at each other, having pissing contests, and posturing for dominance — it's very much like a federal election. If we removed the Wall, there would be certain anarchy.

Don't believe me? Perhaps I should remind you of the sock incident of two days ago? I won't go into details but let me just ask: who does that to a perfectly good sock? Especially when someone is wearing it?

Look, these pups are barely paper-trained (as evidenced by the sock inci-

dent). And, despite what my eight-year-old daughter and other agitators say, unleashing them on the world at large would be a huge mistake.

Right now, we are maintaining a semblance of order. They sleep comfortably in a communal bed, receive generous allotments of food, and are brought out for obedience training each evening — which is not, as some have suggested a euphemism for state-sponsored brain washing.

This routine has allowed them to live productive and meaningful lives.

The Wall is there to protect them. And us.

Here's further proof. We opened the gate for a trial run two days ago and I was lucky to get out of the way with both ankles still intact. Do you know the damage eight determined pups, weighing

six pounds apiece, can cause when they tackle you? My hair will be slicked back for a week.

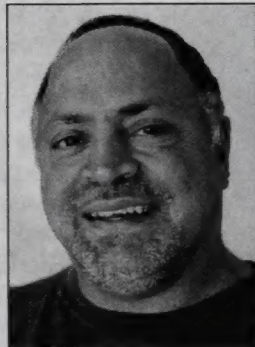
And don't dare pick one up if you are not wearing a shirt either. They're still resentful of being weaned. Please don't ask how I know this.

I've tried to negotiate with Millie, who has emerged as the spokescanine, but she's quite unreasonable. I speak of the economic impact that their freedom would have on my home repair bills and she merely bites my finger. I point out that if they were to join the free market, they'd have to earn their food and lodging. In return, she pees on the newspaper — which wouldn't be so bad if it weren't on my column.

That's where our talks are at now.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that sometimes barriers and boundaries are a good thing. Especially if you like your socks and shoes.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Working in winter's waiting room

UP HERE ON SAPSUCKER RIDGE we are serious woodcutters. The Brown Dog Jiggs and I. We need to be; wood is all we have to keep us warm.

The firewood harvest is a joint effort, as it should be, for it warms both dog and proprietor and gives Jiggs a hot stove to snuggle up to after a long walk on a cold January morning.

Jiggs is my administrative assistant. If you have met him and admired his handsome coat, you will know his wardrobe defines him as a white-collar sort of dog. He lets me do most of the heavy lifting while he watches over me. There he is in a perfect three-point collie sit as he watches over the valley below his lookout post on some slope above me.

The Brown Dog is lord of all he surveys in winter's waiting room. You might not even notice him in the shadows of a September day filled with dappled sunlight but just say his name and he'll come running.

On days when we fall behind with chainsaw and splitting maul, he might even pitch in. Look at me, he says, I'm

gnawing this maple branch into 16-inch lengths, except he never quite finishes the job.

Fall behind is an apt term for those of us working against autumn's deadline. Leaves turn colour, flutter down, crunch beneath our feet. Crows caucus in the trees beside the creek, geese gabble high above us and little brown birds swirl in great flocks.

And we keep looking back over our shoulders. Trees still standing will warm us in the winter of 2010-2011 if only we can get to them before the snow flies and much of this winter's fuel, piled outdoors to cure since 2006, still awaits its last ride to shelter.

The promise of a long stretch of sunny days to come makes us hopeful about filling the shed beside the house and the little room at one end of the sugar shack before November begins to pull the blankets over us.

But turning trees into a face cord of new firewood each week always seems daunting until it is done though I know a real woodsman can do a cord before breakfast.

On Sapsucker Ridge, we are stuck somewhere between the old technology and the new. There are blurred memories from early childhood of firewood harvests on a farm near Guelph.

Through a haze of nostalgia I see crosscut saws and horse-drawn sleighs loaded with logs and of a back wheel of my grandfather's Buick jacked up and belted to a buzzsaw.

Now a chainsaw does the crosscut's job more dangerously and an ATV pulling a two-wheeled cart takes over for the horse-drawn sleigh. There are a fat-headed axe called a maul to do the splitting, a couple of plastic wedges and the log-roller the professionals call a peavey.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The conventional wisdom is that firewood warms us three times — once when we cut it, once when we pile it and once when we burn it. The three-count requires a lot of glossing over of details. On Sapsucker Ridge, we are warmed at least nine times and that doesn't even count taking out the ashes or freeing an ATV hung up on a low stump or warming the air with expletives as I whack away at a knotty beech.

Nor does it count the late-spring walks Jiggs and I take, looking for hardwoods that are crowded, dying or dead, waiting for my saw.

Four steps first, one tree at a time — felling, bucking into firewood lengths, splitting, and loading and hauling home in the two-wheeled cart, each step worthy of a column of its own.

Four more steps at home — stacking outdoors in the woodyard, a second loading and hauling from there to shelter, piling in the woodshed, and a final transfer from shed to stove.

And, finally, the burning. By my calculations, that's nine times warmed.

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Thank you everyone for attending Minden Fringe debut season

To the Editor:

Woohoo! Summer 2008 is over and the sun has come back to shine. Despite the perpetual grey skies, it was all sunshine at this summer's Minden Fringe held at Wintergreen. We had an outstanding debut, offering eight radically different performances of original material at sold-out shows.

The Minden Fringe was produced by Playwrights Minden and all of our mem-

bers would like to thank the *Times* staff for braving mosquitos out on the back deck to take photographs and promote this new festival organized and performed by local artists. We also want to thank our audiences for supporting this new venture — we will be back next year.

Community newspaper coverage means more than an addition to Grandma's brag book. For young, and not-so-young artists, the *Times*'s unwavering support of the arts means clippings for portfolios for

those starting or pursuing careers in this highly competitive field as well as providing promotion for events.

I heard someone lament last weekend they had missed the laugh-till-you-strain-your-bladder reading of George Farrell's first play, *Gala Gals*, at R.D. Lawrence Place (and I admit to a bit of a bias, but there was lots of laughter) but the news was big and bold in the *Times*. Just goes to show, missing your weekly paper means missing out on the good stuff. So keep

watching the *Times* for more news about upcoming staged readings and other events!

We would be lost without you,

Sheryl Loucks,
R.D. Lawrence Place Coordinator,
Playwrights Minden promoter
Michael Fay, Playwrights Minden
Convenor

Minden Hills needs to keep southern dump

from page 6

1. Given our unique location at the southern end of the county, this is the only landfill site that most of the cottagers and local residents from our area use.

2. Judging by the rapid filling of the recycling containers, there are a lot of users here.

3. The local bears are well fed here and as a result stay away from our backyards and harm's way.

4. This location has for the most part been well maintained and an essential service of the somewhat isolated community. In fact just a few years ago, the local Iron Mine access road was hard-topped, which would result in a waste of recent road improvement dollars should this site suddenly close.

5. Making recycling and landfills more distant and therefore difficult will be counter-productive to local environmental goals.

6. Requiring cottagers to travel out of their way north when they are leaving to head south to the GTA after their busy weekend will not work and lead to roadside litter and much worse problems and costs for the municipality.

I believe council would be myopic to close this Iron Mine site entirely given the above considerations. In addition, most of the tax base in this district is waterfront based and roads and landfill are the two primary contributions that the municipality provides to its seasonal voting public. While we very much appreciate Minden Hills's long overdue improvement our local roads this summer, we are shocked at both the post-Labour Day timing and the this eleventh-hour surprise staff recommendation to suddenly close the Iron Mine landfill entirely.

Council must do the right thing by voting against this regressive recommendation. Modifying the recommendation to operate a transfer station is the way to go for all concerned, as originally planned and announced to the public over a year ago.

Sincerely,
David Hopkins Howe
Davis Lake

Hay River's loss is Haliburton's gain, says Hay River newspaper

The following editorial appeared in last week's edition of the Hay River Hub. It's about Paul Rosebush, the new CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Reprinted with permission.

A big loss for Hay River
By Patrick Teskey,
Editor

The surprise announcement of Hay River Health and Social Services Authority CEO Paul Rosebush's departure is proof positive that more has to be done to lock up good people when we see them.

Rosebush, who joined the HRHSSA last fall, provided a breath of fresh air for the authority and made us nearly forget the internal strife caused during previous CEO's resignation and the suspension of the Health Board by the GNWT in response.

He made you believe that he wanted to do everything in his power to provide the best quality service to his community with less than the best resources.

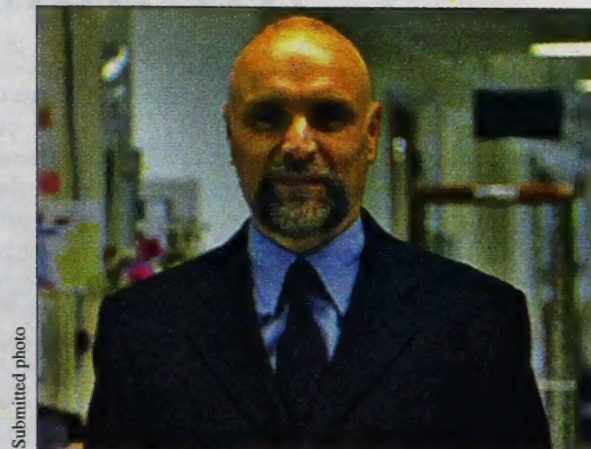
His new position will require him to move away from Hay River just before the new year.

Barely a week into his new position, Rosebush helped mobilize the authority's services to help Hay River come to grips with one of the most tragic days in its history - the murder of RCMP Const. Chris Worden.

When the GNWT released a budget laden with cuts to multiple departments earlier this year, Rosebush and his team worked to ensure Hay River's health services didn't suffer - all without the loss of a single job.

In the summer, when Hay River seemed to be on the verge of a physician crisis, the authority was able to fill the gaps with nurse practitioners, locums, and nurses providing a broader scope of services.

By all indications, Rosebush loved Hay River, and the



Submitted photo

Paul Rosebush is excited about his upcoming move to Haliburton County now that he's been chosen as the new CEO and president of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. He will be leaving his managing position in Hay River, NWT.

feeling seemed to be mutual. Which leaves us to ponder an important question - why is he leaving?

Maybe the lack of a health board took its toll on the CEO. When Hay River's last permanent doctor left earlier in the summer, rumours persisted that Greg Cummings, deputy minister of health and the public administrator appointed by the GNWT to look after the authority, blocked Rosebush's attempts to entice a new full-time physician to come north.

Perhaps Rosebush wanted to go somewhere where he didn't need to deal with that headache.

Whatever the reasoning, Hay River is left to deal with the loss of another great mind, someone who had our best interests at heart.

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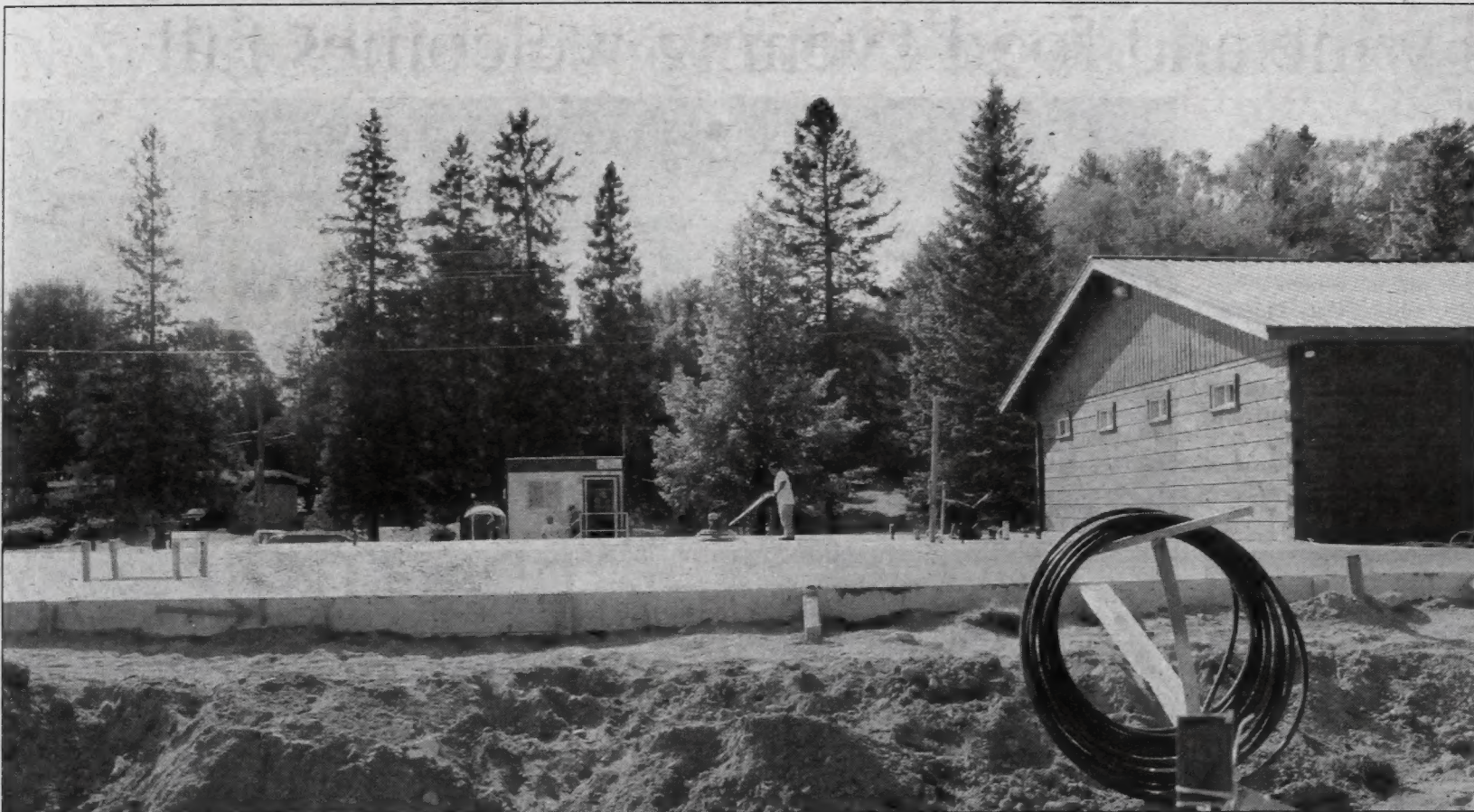
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RE: PROPOSED 2008 FEES AND CHARGES -
CEMETERY**

Pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, and according to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills is considering amendments to its Cemetery Fees and Charges By-law. Council is encouraging input from the public regarding the proposed fees and charges.

A copy of the proposed By-law is available from the Clerk's Department (705) 286-1260 ext. 214.

Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism & Citizenship

In grateful recognition of Gord Monk's achievements as well as the value he placed on volunteerism and citizen participation, the Township of Minden Hills is accepting nominations for the Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism and Citizenship.

The award is intended to be presented on an annual basis and consists of a plaque for the recipient as well as recognition on a master plaque kept on display at the Township Office.

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INGOLDSBY LANDFILL SITE NOTICE OF CHANGE

We wish to thank residents and users of the Ingoltsby Landfill Site for their consideration during the construction of switching this landfill site to a permanent transfer station. Effective on or about September 15th, there will be no waste disposed of in the actual footprint area, pursuant to the Ministry's Certificate of Approval, but in waste bins which will subsequently be transferred to Scotch Line. Kindly watch for signs posted at the Ingoltsby Landfill Site in this regard. This is to advise that the Ingoltsby site will only accept household garbage, recycling, metal waste and white goods, i.e., stoves, dishwashers, etc. All other waste is expected to be disposed of at the Scotch Line site. Burning will continue to be allowed at the Ingoltsby landfill site under our Certificate of Approval.

Winter Sand will no longer be available at the Fleming Road-Roads Shed, effective immediately.

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Where: ASES, Minden Arena & Fairgrounds

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Gallery's wine and food evening welcomes fall

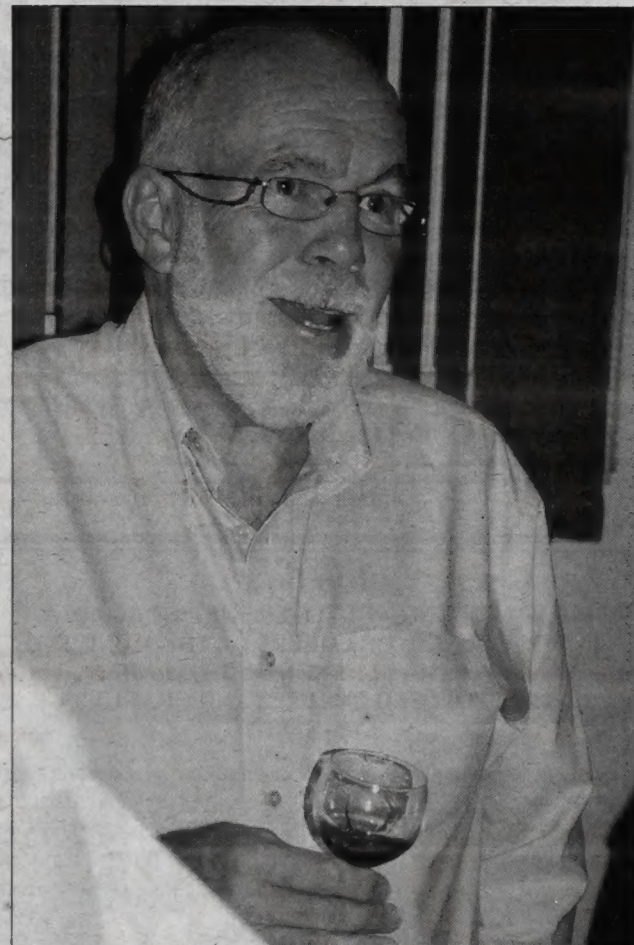
by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Agnes Jamieson Gallery's third wine and food night was another success with the addition of an outdoor wine bar.

All of the recipes were taken from the LCBO magazine, all prepared by Betty Mark and all with a fall theme.

Mindenites munched and mingled with politicians tasting the savoury caramel corn and poached pears for the fundraiser.

Clockwise from top right: a long spread of food awaited attendees; Minden Hills councillor Peter Oyler chats with friends over a glass of red wine; head chef Betty Mark arranges some broccoli bisque after the first platter is devoured; Cultural Centre director Daniela Pagliaro plays busgirl.



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HAVE doubles effort to install new wells

by RON REID
Special to the Times

Thanks to everyone's awesome efforts, this has been one of the best years ever for Help A Village Effort. Various fundraising events put \$56,100 in the bank, which allows HAVE to get funding from the Canadian International Development Agency to continue creating sources of clean, reliable drinking water in developing countries.

So far this year, HAVE has installed 16 wells and will be adding 10 more in the SUCHI project this fall. It will also be completing at least one other project with HAVE funds and help repair a number of wells which were flooded out during the monsoon season. HAVE, a grassroots volunteer agency that has its roots in Haliburton County, continues to need the community's help.

The CIDA proposal to install 220 wells and 150 dry toilet sanitation stations over the next three years is in its last stages of approval. HAVE hopes to have positive results for this submission in a few weeks.

The sponsorship program for a tube well was overwhelming in 2007-2008. The exact count isn't in yet, but between five and 10 new wells will be identified with a plaque to thank the individuals and groups. Through specific supporters, HAVE has also donated to a elementary school and eye clinic in Boalia, West Bengal. The effort of groups all



Help A Village Effort (HAVE) has raised enough money to install 16 wells with 10 more coming soon. The children are all smiles from ear to ear when the helping visitors arrived in their village.

across Canada – from Glovertown, Marystown, St. John's in Newfoundland to Lindsay and Haliburton in Ontario, and Chase and Vancouver in British Columbia, with many points in between – was phenomenal. Thanks for the sup-

port. A HAVE newsletter will be published and distributed this fall.



This classroom, above, full of children are helped through fundraising efforts of HAVE. Below is the eye clinic and elementary school in Boalia, West Bengal.



Women gather at their new well installed with the help of the Canadian International Development Agency.



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Gala Gals gone wild

George Farrell's first-ever play, *Gala Gals*, pokes fun – in a loving way – at the arts community in the Highlands. On September 19 he staged a reading of the play at the R. D. Lawrence Place with Farrell, Sheryl Loucks, and Jerelyn Craden doing the reading.

On October 3 Loucks's play, *Kashag*, will be read to a live audience and finishing off the series will be the October 17 reading of Craden's play *Happy*. Humour is the main theme behind the plays. The readings, which will help the playwrights fine tune their work, start at 7 p.m. at R.D. Lawrence Place and admission is by donation. For more information call 286-2298 or email rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca.

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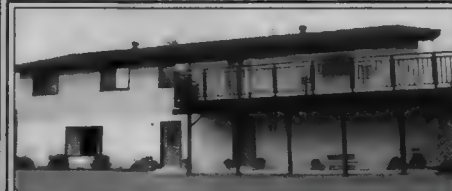
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Bowser and Blue bust bellies

Warning, this article may simultaneously make you laugh and feel offended

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Times To Laugh comedy club welcomed the dynamic comedy duo of Bowser & Blue to the Minden Community Centre on September 19 for a show that did not disappoint.

The England-born George Bowser and Rick Blue moved to Canada in the early 1970s and have been performing together for 30 years. Their music-comedy show is packed full of Canadiana mixed in with politics and everyday life.

The two write their own lyrics and compose the songs on their guitars. Blue plays rhythm while Bowser plays lead guitar. To begin the show Blue played a continuous ditty on the guitar while Bowser warmed up the crowd.

Like any good comedy routine part of what makes them so funny is the delivery. Both Bowser and Blue sing and play and harmonize really well. And their material goes where no act has gone before.

Take their song "Working Where The Sun Don't Shine," a song about the duties of the colorectal surgeon.

"When it comes to spreading joy there

are many techniques, some spread joy to the world and other just spread cheeks. A doctor he wanted to be, for golf he loved to play. But this is not quite what he had in mind... by 18 holes a day."

While the two say their songs are crude, they also admit it is what makes them funny. And there was certainly no denying the bursts of laughter and the wiping of tears from faces of the 60 or so who gathered in the community centre.

Other songs involve people, places, or things famous to Canada, such as "Don Cherry's Tailor."

"It's that moment right after the first period, the one we look forward to sharing. When we gasp and we say to each other in awe, look at what Don Cherry's wearing."

One of their more famous numbers is "We're Folking Good," with the lyrics playing on the expletive.

In the song they explain that they've been folking since they were kids and folking is the only thing they ever done. Folk is their family and folk is their friend, and they'll be folking till the very end.

They studied at Folk U and sometimes they even grab a guitar and fill up a cup and sit around together and get all folked up.



George Bowser, left, and Rick Blue brought their musical comedy routine to the Minden Community Centre as part of Times to Laugh, co-sponsored by the Times.



Cammy George couldn't stop herself from laughing.

Needless to say the song really got the folks involved.

Of the biggest laughs received was the skit "10 Things You'll Never Hear Your Wife Say." Some examples were "Oh, what

a nice scrotum," "Flick through all the TV channels again, I like that," and "I'm sorry, you're right."

Of course they couldn't be biased so they did a list for 10 things you'll never hear your husband say too: "I'll have a white wine spritzer too, please," and "You drive - you're better at it" received great laughter.

On getting old Blue said he now views the magazines *National Geographic* and *Playboy* the same way - what he sees are places that he's never going to visit.

Bowser and Blue say that laughter is said to add years to a person's life so they hoped their performance gave the crowd another couple of days.

If The Times To Laugh can get these guys again next year you won't want to miss it.

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Onondaga invests in health care

Camp Onondaga has pledged \$5,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Reach For The Future Campaign for technology and equipment. They recently presented a cheque for their first installment of \$1,000 to be directed to the digital x-ray equipment at the Minden site. Camp Onondaga realizes the importance of the hospital in Minden to their operations and says they have had excellent service in the past.

From left are camp director Duncan Robertson, the foundation's executive director Dale Walker and board secretary Marg Fielding, and the camp's site manager Jim McKelvey.

Hydro One sends five locals to aid in Hurricane Ike's aftermath

by KIM HATTIN
Special to the Times

Hurricane Ike left 1.3 million homes and businesses in Ohio without power on September 15 but the lights are back on, thanks in part to the help of five Hydro One employees from the Minden office.

They were among the 170 line maintenance workers and other personnel who travelled to the Columbus area last week.

Hydro One received the call for help at 7 a.m. on September 17 and by 2 o'clock that afternoon, Gerry Guyton, Ken Casey, Kim Colliss, Scott Hamilton and Chris Eskelin from the Minden office were crossing the border.

They are rebuilding damaged power lines in the New Philadelphia and Coshocton area where approximately 600,000 residents in the area were without power. They returned yesterday.

Hydro One has a long-standing relationship with the American utilities in times of need. Fleets were sent in 2004 and 2005 to Florida following the rash of hurricanes that swept through the state. In 2006, help was dispatched to Buffalo, New York after a freak snow storm. In 2007, Hydro One sent crews to Vermont when severe weather events caused major outages.

United States respects Hydro One for how fast it can mobilize a fleet and the crews' ability to work efficiently and quickly after storm damages, said Bill Smeaton, operations manager of the Minden office.

"Our concern locally is what the impact it will have with our workload. This determines how many people we can send," said Smeaton. "When we are short staffed, and we are asked for aid, our main priority is still our customers. Hydro projects and programs are the ones that are put on hold."

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Ratepayers question expense of second runway

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"We've been hearing for three years now that we can't have a public meeting and we can't ask these questions and quite frankly most of the people in this room are sick and tired of being told we can't have a meeting," said Paul MacInnes, president of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association.

Although all members of council were present at the meeting, they took no questions but instead just listened to the hour and a half presentation by the consultants and two and a half hours of questions and

comments by the public.

"If you're told repeatedly 'You can't ask questions, you can't ask questions, we're not prepared to answer that, we don't know,' we become very, very distrustful of the whole process," MacInnes said.

Bellchamber told the audience that the time to ask questions of council is at regular council meetings where there is a provision for delegations from the public. He said debating councillors was for election time.

MacInnes replied that Reeve Eleanor Harrison was asked in the last election if there was a plan to expand the airport and she had said no.

"If you prepare a written submission to council, they receive it as information and then they can ignore it completely. That's the problem with the process," said Cameron Lake cottager Tom Fitzsimmons.

The consultants' report cost about \$90,000 and detailed exactly how the municipality would go about constructing a second runway. All factors were considered including wind direction, noise levels, ground studies, stormwater management, wildlife protection, archaeology and preventing bird strikes and wildlife accidents. There were few concerns with constructing a second runway, the consultants found. They gave it a price tag of just under \$3 million.

In addition, the geotechnical report quoted rehabilitation prices for the existing 19-year-old runway at just under \$500,000. It was also recommended that GPS work be done at a cost of \$25,000 to allow instrument approach procedures to be developed. For more information on the report, see pages 18 and 19.

Municipal CAO Lorne Mitchell will be taking the figures and creating a financial impact analysis to see if the runway can be built. There was also mention of a newly announced sum of money in the federal Building Canada Fund that could be applied for by Algonquin Highlands. A decision to make that application would have to be made by the October 23 meeting of council.

Components of the report were also challenged by members of the public. The accuracy of information on herring gull numbers close to the three nearby landfills was questioned by MacInnes, who said the wildlife consultant, Ron Huizer, did not spend

enough time observing the birds to know whether they posed a risk to planes.

Huizer replied that although he didn't do extensive study on the gulls, their numbers were not large enough to be a real threat.

The wind direction study was also questioned. All of the wind information came from two observation points in Muskoka. Many in the room thought this information was too distant to have any bearing on Stanhope's airport. They also referenced a previous study done by the same consultants that said the existing runway was situated perfectly for the prevailing winds.

The response from James Lindsey of Pryde Schropp McComb Inc. was that the winds had changed since the last study was done.

"In terms of wind, the wind has changed since then and we've taken into consideration [inaudible due to audience booing] we've used Muskoka wind analysis from two observation stations to perform this analysis. That's why this analysis is different. Furthermore this analysis took into consideration a detailed engineering design that was not completed before," Lindsey said.

Other members of the audience questioned council's motives for pushing ahead with the runway, asking that strict accountability measures be in place to be sure no family members benefited from its construction.

There was also a good deal of skepticism about whether the runway was needed for air ambulance services, OPP search and rescue and Ministry of Natural Resources water bombers.

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Maple Lake cottager Art Wall, a long-time critic of the municipality's plan to expand the airport, asked whether a population of 2,000 can afford a \$3.5-million project.

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Opinions differ on airport use

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Fitzsimmons took it upon himself to call all of the agencies listed as potential users and told the room not one would say they wanted the runway.

"The first question I asked them all was does the municipality of Algonquin Highlands need an additional crosswinds runway to provide essential services of your organizations for its ratepayers and the answer in each case was an unequivocal no," he said.

The consultants, in particular aeronautical specialist Charles Cormier, engaged a few times in discussion about whether the runway was necessary, even though that was not in the purview of the report.

"During two years that I flew search and rescue with the military ... I also conducted 30 MedEvacs including Christmas Day. We were restricted in where we could get these injured people. We couldn't fly into any little strip, it had to be a strip that was a certain length and it had to have certified instrument approach procedures, so there were restrictions that way of where we could go with air ambulance," Cormier said.

He suggested that the reason senior administrators wouldn't admit an interest in the runway is that they would be asked to chip in money for its construction. Once it was built, however, they may be interested, he said.

"This is a bunch of lies. It's the same garbage over again, but we're not going to give up," said Maple Lake resident Nancy Wall.

"According to a sign I read on Highway

Jenn Watt/TIMES



Although most of the crowd's anger was about council decisions, consultants James Lindsey and Nigel Bellchamber took most of the heat when they presented their report at Saturday's public meeting at the Dorset recreation centre.

118 the population of Algonquin Highlands is 2,000. Does this group of experts really think that a project of this magnitude is justified at a population of 2,000 people?" asked Art Wall.

Nearing the end of the meeting, Milton Sheppard of Kushog Lake held up a sign reading, "Don't want it, Don't need it, Can't afford it," and questioned why council would spend millions on an airport when that money could be spent alleviating the poverty of local people. He said that only one per cent of the residents use the airport but, in the winter especially, large numbers of residents have problems buying food to eat. Why not spend the money on anti-poverty strategies?

Meanwhile, at the Algonquin Highlands council meeting on Thursday, council deferred making a decision on the lake asso-

ciation's request to have a second public meeting

Because council did not yet know whether the first meeting held on Saturday would be enough to answer all of the public's questions, they said they could address the

association's concerns later. Council's next meeting is October 9. There are copies of the report at both municipal offices and a .wav movie file of the meeting will be posted at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.



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Canoe FM will be taping the meeting and will broadcast it on 100.9 Canoe FM on Sunday, September 28 at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, October 1 at 9 p.m.

Property ideal for runway, consultants find

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The *Aeronautical, Engineering, and Environmental Information Report* is a compilation of several smaller reports by a series of consultants hired by Algonquin Highlands to assess the feasibility of a second runway at the Stanhope Airport. All reports are based on a proposed 1,220-metre (4,000-foot) runway that would cross the existing runway at crosswinds. From the air, the two runways together look like the letter Y.

The document, which is 340-pages long, costs \$40 per copy (subsidized by the municipality by \$10 from the original \$50) and is available to read at both office locations in Stanhope and Dorset. It contains submissions on aeronautics, noise, wind, wildlife, stormwater, archaeology, natural heritage, geotechnical work and pavement and proposes a design and cost.

Aeronautical assessment

A longer runway would enhance aviation safety by giving pilots a choice of where to land depending on which way the wind is blowing. It would also allow for larger and faster aircraft types, "which could provide the delivery of essential aviation services," including air ambulance, police services, forest-fire suppression and Department of National Defence search and rescue crafts. It would also "enable/encourage tourism and economic development opportunities."

The report, prepared by Charles Cormier of IDS North America, says that a longer runway would allow a "greater

mix of twin-engine aircraft" and light jet-engine aircraft.

"The greater accessibility to the airport will result in an immediate increase in traffic although the actual amount cannot of course be determined" ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 movements a year.

Cormier recommended that the runway have a "public instrument approach procedure," which is a set of instructions provided to pilots that allows them to land using the instruments on their planes, which allows safer landing in poor weather. After examining the topographic photographs of the site, it was recommended that the proposed location of the runway shift slightly. It "will require the removal of several tens of hectares of trees" and the topping of trees in the flight path.

Geotechnical investigation and pavement design

Forty-seven test pits were drilled by Peto MacCallum Ltd. to investigate groundwater and overburden samples. More than 50 per cent of the runway is on ideal silty, sandy soil. There is an area where "significant fill will be required to build the runway."

Gerry Mitchell, the manager of geotechnical services, speculated that an existing gravel pit on the property could be used for the fill.

He also examined the existing runway, which is about 19 years old, and recommended that it, along with the apron and taxiway, be rehabilitated. "Aircraft types capable of using the pavements vary from the Piper Navajo through the Cessna Citation 1, Canadair CL 415 and C130 Hercules type aircraft, for example," the report says.

Runway usability and noise exposure forecast

Pryde Schropp McComb Inc. conducted a "wind rose" analysis, a noise exposure planning contour, a LaMax noise metric and assessed the impact of forecasted operations on surrounding communities.

The noise impact assessment used the Transport Canada method of "noise exposure forecast" (NEF) that "combines the noise levels of individual aircraft and the numbers of aircraft to give a single number rating of the average negative impact of the aircraft noise."

James Lindsey, an airport planner with the company, used an assumption of 168 movements by mostly single-engine piston planes and some twin-engine piston planes in one day as the worst-case scenario to determine NEF.

"The majority of 30-NEF - the level at which Transport Canada does not recommend new residential developments - remains almost entirely within the airport property boundary. Furthermore, there are only a small number of existing developments located within the 30-NEF, which are all located within 100 metres of the existing runway centreline," his report reads.

A second noise study, called a LaMax contour, was conducted to assess the impact of a single movement noise at the airport and uses decibels (dBA) as a measurement.

"With exception to those located within 500 metres of runway 08-26 [the existing runway], the majority of the dwellings are located outside of the 70 dBA LaMax contour which is approximately the same noise level as normal speech at 0.09 metres (three feet). The dwellings that are

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Cost for entire project almost \$3.5 million

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most impacted, with levels exceeding the 90-95 dBA level, all back directly onto the runway. At this location, there is at least some expectation of aircraft noise impact," the report says.

Lindsey also conducted a study on wind patterns using data from Muskoka and the maximum cross wind velocity for both the current runway and the proposed one.

"The maximum cross wind component is described as being the maximum wind velocity the aircraft is able to safely operate on when winds are 90 degrees to the runway centreline," the report reads.

With the addition of a new runway, the report says the usability in terms of wind of the Stanhope Airport will be 99.9 per cent, meaning planes can land in almost all wind conditions. The existing airport by itself has a 95 per cent wind usability.

"Aircraft must take off and land into the wind, and if possible, the preference is to take-off and land directly into the wind. This is the safest and simplest operating condition as take-offs and landings during high cross winds is difficult, especially on short or narrow runways," the report says.

Despite being referred to as the "crosswinds runway" the proposed runway would actually be used more than the current one according to the wind direction data Lindsey obtained.

Natural heritage assessment

Beacon Environmental found 64 species of animals during a survey of the airport

property with "no provincially rare species" or species at risk among them. There was also no indication of nesting raptors such as hawks and owls in the area.

Natural hazard assessment

In order to judge the probability of bird strikes on airplanes landing or taking off, Ron Huizer of Beacon Environmental visited the three closest landfills - Hawk Lake, Maple Lake and West Guilford. He found only two herring gulls, during his one hour at the three sites.

"Based on the findings of this study, no bird hazard that would represent a high level of risk was found to occur for typical aircraft operations that would be associated with the proposed new runway...", he wrote.

Archaeological study

Because the airport property is close to the Redstone and Gull Rivers, there is the potential of significant archaeological finds there and along the roads, says a report by Jacques Whitford.

"At present there are no registered pre-historic period archaeological sites located within two kilometres of the project area. However, this is likely due to the limited archaeological survey of the area rather than a definite lack of prehistoric or early post-contact use of the area by Aboriginal inhabitants," the report says.

A stage two assessment of the area to search for artifacts from earlier years was recommended in this report.

Stormwater management study



Site plan from runway feasibility study released Thursday.

In order to keep the minimum amount of water on site during large rainfalls, Richardson Foster Inc. consultants recommended a dry pond be installed in a naturally occurring low-point between two hills on the property.

A dry pond accepts large amounts of water, but lets it out slowly over time so that it doesn't disturb the pre-existing water patterns of the property too much. The proposed runway would change the way water moves in the area and the dry pond would be installed to maintain the flow the same way.

Engineering design brief and costs

The design brief outlines all of the work that would need to be done on the airport property to create a new runway and to improve the existing one. "The purpose of this

runway is to provide access for larger aircraft and improve aviation safety through the provision of a crosswind runway. The larger aircraft would include those utilized by the air ambulance service, OPP and RCMP, Ministry of Natural Resources fire suppression crews and Hercules Search and Rescue aircraft," it says.

Including all of the work outlined above, the estimated cost for the new runway is \$2,985,000.

To rehabilitate the existing runway it would cost \$435,000.

To create instrument approach procedures using GPS approaches it would cost \$25,000. If everything was implemented it would cost the municipality \$3,445,000.

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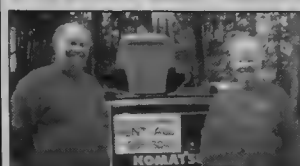
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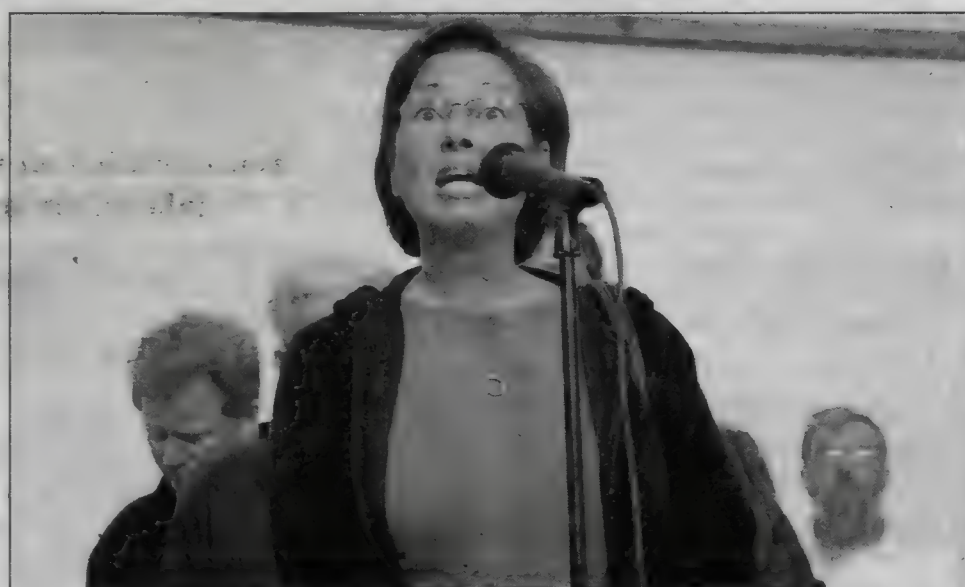
Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner and councillors Carol Moffatt and Diane Griffin didn't address the crowd at the recreation centre but were equally interested in what the consultants had to say about the feasibility of a \$3.5 million crosswind runway. Council will next discuss the issue at its October 9 meeting.



Consultants James Lindsey, Gerry Mitchell and Ron Huizer listen to yet another criticism of the possibility of a crosswind runway in Stanhope.

Airport face-off

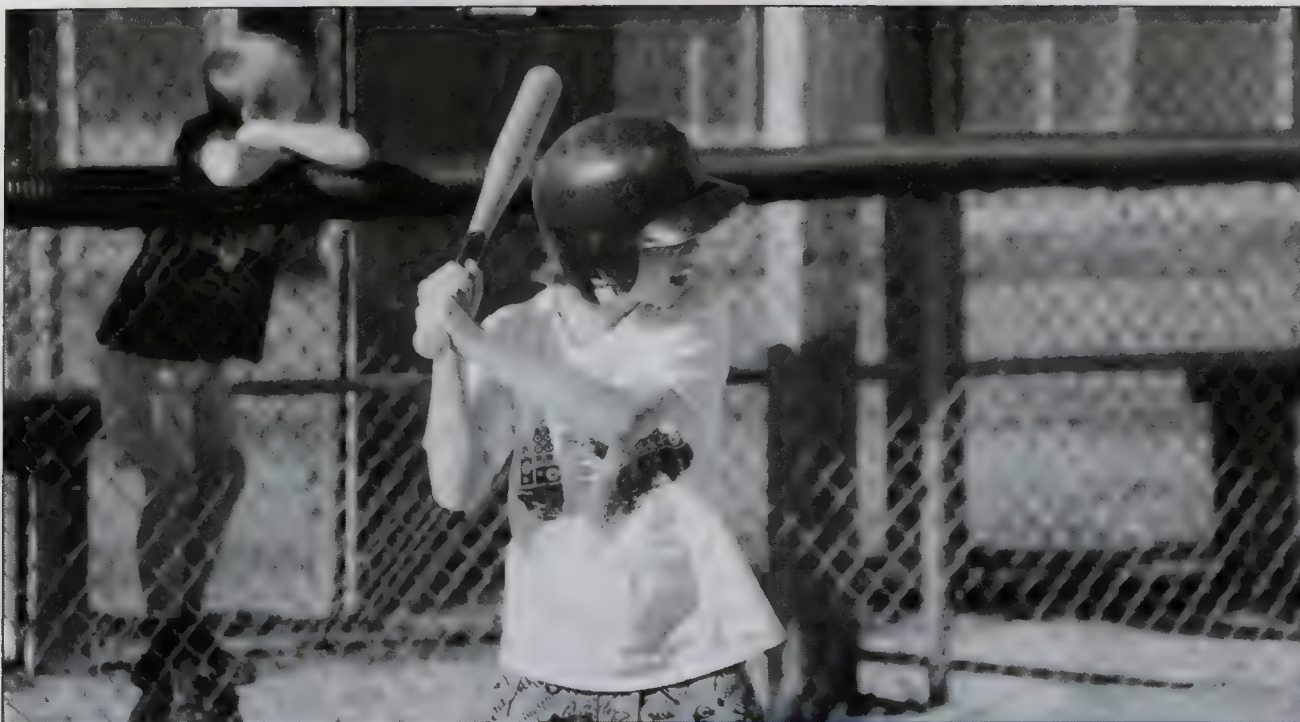
In these photos of Saturday's airport meeting in Dorset, reporter **Jenn Watt** captures the crowd's intense interest



An angry Nancy Wall said, "This is a bunch of lies. It's the same garbage over again, but we're not going to give up."



Opponents of the second runway felt frustrated that Saturday's public meeting was their first opportunity to vent their opposition to the plan. They've asked for another meeting.



Batter up!

Minden Hills started an after-school activities program two weeks ago for boys and girls ages 8 to 13. It runs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. Until October 11 kids will be playing baseball at the local ball diamond. Tennis, broomball, basketball and soccer are coming up.

The program is looking for volunteers to supervise the kids. There are currently 16 registered with the program and anyone can register at the township office. The cost is \$10 per sport.

Left: Colt Stevenson, 9, takes his turn at bat.

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Tues. night, Sept. 16

Men

High avg.: Dan Harding 200
High single: Dan Harding 273
High single w/hdcp: Charlie Robb 306
High tripe Dan Harding and Doug Nash 642
High triple w/hdcp: Doug Nash 822

Ladies

High average: Marelene Robinson 183
High single: Marelene Robinson 195
High single w/ hdcp: Viola Cook 263
High triple: Marelene Robinson 588
High triple w/hdcp: Marelene Robinson 705

Tues. afternoon Sept 16

Men

High avg.: Ken Thompson 206
High single: Ken Thompson 272
High single hdcp: Ken Thompson 311
High triple: Ken Thompson 704
High triple w/ hdcp: Ken Thompson 815

Ladies

High avg.: Lillian Mattsson 178
High single: Lillian Mattsson 207
High single hdcp.: Tina Hadley 256
High triple: Lillian Mattsson 549
High triple w/hdcp: 90-year-old Isabelle Saunders 705

Wed. afternoon Sept. 17

Men

High avg.: John Whitty 206
High single: John Whitty 240
High single w/hdcp: John Whitty 267
High triple: John Whitty 711
High triple w/hdcp.: John Whitty 792

Ladies

High avg.: Carol Snow 167
High single: Norma Terrp 210
High single: Norma Terro w/hdcp. 267
High triple: Norma Terro 502
High triple w/hdcp. Norma erro 763

Thursday aft. Sept. 18

Men

High avg.: Ken Thompson 211
High single: Ken Thompson 246
High single w/hdcp.: Doug Cameron 267
High triple: Ken Thompson 693
High triplew/hdcp.: Jack Birtch 679

Ladies

High avg.: Sharon Barnhart 182
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It's that time of year again: Wish Book and clicking of knitting needles



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Yesterday's official arrival of autumn was met with knitting needles clicking at a faster pace to finish the two sweaters already on order. I notice that the *Sears Christmas Wish Book*, deliberately misplaced since its arrival early in August, has been unearthed and now remains a permanent fixture on the coffee table. The number of yellow postal notes stuck to pages seems to multiply daily. Thanks to the excellent service at the Minden Sears early Christmas shopping is relatively stress free. This might be a gender thing but Bruce and I have totally different shopping styles. He goes out knowing exactly what and for whom while I prefer to wander up and down aisles staring at items and puzzling who might like that. If you are looking for handknits there is a great variety of hats, mitts, socks and scarves at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre along with a selection of other local handcrafts and visual arts. The Marketplace remains open daily until Thanksgiving then returns to its extended weekend schedule until mid-December with daily pre-Christmas openings.

Speaking of the holiday season Burnt River United Church is looking for vendors for its Christmas craft sale to be held on Saturday, October 25. For more information call Pat at 488-3328.

Tickets are still available for the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 Fun Fashion and Variety Show coming up this Saturday, September 27, with a full course dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the show. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the legion at 488-3462 or purchased at the door. Also it is not too late to sign up for fall/winter dart leagues beginning soon. Non-members and new players are most welcome to join.

Here are the scores from the big bucks bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion on September 17. First place went to Dorothy Kingdon, second June Fountain, third Theresa Deak with Helen Frain holding the hidden score. This popular event is held regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. Just a note that our

bridge convenor Ross Fletcher has made a temporary move and Margo Davidson has kindly agreed to forward the weekly bridge scores. Best wishes accompany Ross from all his bridge pals and I extend my personal appreciation for all his faithful reporting and good humour.

September 16 euchre at Gelert: Harold Harvie reports that Tom Grix won for lone hands while Ralph Young took the draw. For the ladies, Pearl Cowen was high and Isabelle Saunders low with Dorothy McElwain representing the gents was high and Kevin Maloney low. This euchre continues at Gelert to the end of September then the location will alternate weekly as usual between Gelert and Lochlin.

September 16 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Edith Burch led the ladies at 272 with Pearl Cowen 250 second and Vi Howell 248 third. For the gents it was Kay Naylor 306 first then Marcel Roussel 293 and Don Burch 284. Marcel also had a moonshot along with Isobel Cherwenka, Pearl Cowen and our reporter Jean Scadden while Georgina Parkes, Marion Stickwood, Tom Grix and Vi Howell won the draws.

September 16 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams bid and made. Two were by Willie Cox partnered first with Frank Schlotter then with Muriel McIntosh and another by Kathie Porter and Lita Peirol. Topping the high scores was Muriel McIntosh followed by Willie Cox, Ross Fletcher and Dorothy Strype with Geoff Curtis winning the Shiny Penny and Mary Ellen Curtis the lucky draw.

September 17 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South winners were Peter O'Connor and Margo Davidson with 64 per cent then Bruce Armstrong and Harold Cox 56 per cent and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Diana Spicer 54 per cent. In the East/West Jean and John Collins led with 63 per cent while Jim and Ruth Forrester had 60 per cent and Howie Ryan and Linda Cherry scored 56 per cent.

September 17 bid euchre at Stanhope: Seven lucky moonshots landed on Vicki Campagnolo, Deborah Lambe, Dawn Boland, Willie Cox (2), Helen Henderson and Bill Matthews. At 317 Willie Cox topped the pinks with Marion Farr next at 297 and our reporter Linda Lambert 286 third. For the white cards it was David Lamb 280 first then Bill Matthews 261 and Verna McDonald 255.

September 18 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Don Hicks with Helen Luffman and Bob Cleverley recording the high scores. Our reporter May Bradbury and Tom Grix claimed the evening's lows

while John Mallon, Bob Pollard, Leroy Mowat, Maria Tschida and May Bradbury took home the other prizes.

September 19 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First in North/South were Jane Krangle and Nancy Jackson with 55 per cent. Close behind were Harold Cox and Diana Spicer with 54 per cent and Lourene Scott and Elva Robinson with 53 per cent. Over in the East/West Howie Ryan and Bruce Armstrong led with 60 per cent followed by Jean Collins and Margo Davidson with 59 per cent and Jim and Ruth Forrester with 56 per cent.

September 20 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster reports that Pat Roussel took the pink honours at 307 with Karen Chapman 232 second, Sherin Brown 219 third and Yvonne Bishop 213 fourth. For the white cards it was Theresa Deak first at 252 then Archie Ross 243, Jesse Barlow 230 and Bob Bishop 228. Moonshots went to Yvonne Bishop, Karen Chapman, Theresa Deak and Marcel Roussel.

September 22 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and today's reporter Bill Mosley with Jeanne Keliele and Ken Rowden taking top marks for high scores. The afternoon's low went to Mabel Deacon while Pearl Cowen and Arlene Campbell won the draws.

September 22 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Sam Gaudet 304, Theresa Deak 267 and Emily Harvie 257. Mildred St. Thomas won the draw with Theresa Deak, Marjorie Paradis and Tom Grix taking the moonshots.

September 22 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Don Jemmett reports a good turnout with Sherin Brown double lucky winning for both high hands and the special prize. Ron Morrison took the honours for most lone hands and Eileen Shepstone the prize for low hands.

September 22 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hands were claimed by Helen Windsor with Jean Dutka and our reporter Garth Windsor tallying up the high scores. Ray Sisson and Colleen Davison had the evening's lows with Colleen also winning the bologna. (Clara did not get her name in the scores this week so here it is.)

September 22 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top four players in order were Don Burch, Eileen Shapiera, Sharron Atkinson and Karen Chapman. Winning the evening's other prizes were Kevin Maloney, Karen Chapman, Ann Cundall, Edith Burch and Margaret Albers (2). Thanks to Elva Paisley for this update.

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NOTICE

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The regular meetings of Council scheduled to be held in October 2008 will be held on the following dates commencing at 9:00 a.m.:

Thursday, October 9, 2008
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Thursday, October 23, 2008

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Qualified individuals interested in obtaining the part-time position of Branch Assistant at the Minden Hills Library Branch are invited to submit a cover letter and resume **no later than Monday, September 29th, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
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Delivery: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden
Fax: 705-286-4829
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- September 24: Volunteer Training Course - Hospice Kawartha Lakes - Training Course begins on the 24th and runs every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 for ten weeks. Course will train those interested to provide one on one end of life and grief support and care. There is a \$60 registration fee which includes the manual. For more information call 324-2811 ex 22
- September 25: Memory Loss? Is it normal aging or is it Alzheimer's Disease? - Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden - Join us at 7 p.m., Speaker is Dr. Ron Keren, Everyone is welcome, refreshments provided. To register call (705) 455-9220.
- September 25: "Teen Talk" - Hospice Kawartha Lakes - A eight week group for teens aged 13-18 that begins Sept. 25th and runs every Thursday thereafter from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 324-2811 ex 22
- September 25: CFUW Monthly Meeting - Fleming College, 7 pm - The University Women's Club of Haliburton invites all members and potential members to the first meeting of our new season.
- September 25: 150th Bobcaygeon Fall Fair - Opens on Thursday at 7 p.m with a demolition derby. The fair runs until Saturday, September 27th. For information call (705) 793-2466 or (705) 738-3445 or www.bobcaygeonfallfair.com.
- September 25: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease, Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer St. North - From 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. These sessions are free! Light refreshments will be served! Please call Sarah at Alzheimer Society office to register and reserve a spot as seating is limited (705) 748-5131 or sarah@alzheimertpbo.com
- September 25: Branch 129 Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary - Meeting will be held at 7 p.m.
- September 26: Fit Kids Minden - Minden Community Centre (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) - Starts Friday, Sept. 26th, for parents and children 2-6 years. Enjoy physical activity that is sure to energize you and your child! To register please phone 286-4625 or oeyparented@bellnet.ca This program is offered in partnership between the Township of Minden Hills and Ontario Early Years.
- September 26: "Circle of Hope" - Hospice Kawartha Lakes - hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., at 112 McLaughlin Rd, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 22
- September 26: Information Meeting on Predator Control and Farming, co-sponsored by Haliburton County Farmers Association - at 7 p.m, in the basement of Minden United Church. Meeting is open to the farming community and interested public. For more information please contact Andrea Co., 286-6753 & Marianne Taylor 286-4877
- September 26: Boat Cruise with The Community. Care Trip Club - Community Care Trip Club is going on a Boat Cruise, leaving from Orillia...This 6 hour boat cruise will take you through Lake Couchiching, Lock 42, Severn River and Sparrow Lake. Trip includes 6 hour boat cruise, continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch, bottomless coffee or tea, and the cruise. The cost for this trip is \$105.00. If you would like more information about this exciting boat cruise-call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- September 27: Wheelin' and Dealin' Stanhope Firefighters 3rd Annual ATV Poker Run - There are different trail rides available for all levels of skill. The day begins at 8 am with breakfast for registered riders at the Stanhope Fire Hall and the ride will begin at 10 am. Pre-registration is required, there is a nominal fee for this event. You can register online, www.stanhopefire.org and click on ATV rides. Call Keith for more information or to register at (705)489-2711 or (705)489-3548 (evenings)
- September 27: Annual Roast Beef Dinner hosted by the Norland United Church Women - from 4 to 6:30 p.m, adults \$12, children under 12 yrs \$5 and preschoolers are free. For more information call 454-8381 or 454-8432.
- October 2: Ontario Early Years Play and Learn - Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - 9:30 to 12:00 p.m. This year we will be bringing the program to Wilberforce on the first and third Thursday of each month. For families with children 0-6 years. Activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! We are always looking for new friends to join us, so if you know someone new to the community who has not been out before please tell them about us or bring them with you! For more information phone Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave message at 457-2989.

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Paint Lakers cheer on Ironman cyclists



DORSET NEWS

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The community of Paint Lake, Dorset, generated a strong interest in attracting some 70 residents to come out and cheer on the Muskoka Ironman cyclists at the intersections of Paint Lake Road and Hwy 35 and Bellwood Acres Road and Hwy 35. Both intersections were decorated with flags and banners. The Paint Lakers cheered them on with whistles, horns, claps and waves. Way to go!

On behalf of the organizing committee for the recent triathlon, we want to express our appreciation to all the volunteers in Dorset who manned the water station, the timing station, helped decorate town, and marshaled street corners; to the businesses who jumped in with support and music; and to the spectators who lined the street to cheer on the athletes. It will be back for two more years and people are talking about 2009 already! Thank you!

There is a new moms and tots playgroup taking place at the recreation centre on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. All preschool aged children and their caregivers are welcome to this free weekly program. Take the time for some fun, socializing with other children and adults, toys, books, crafts and more. This group is self run so please bring your own snacks and beverages. For more information, call Cheryl at 766-0874.

Dr. Mike Sarin, department of medi-

cine, University of Toronto and president of Lions Camp Dorset will be giving a one hour presentation on preventing and managing diabetes and blood pressure awareness. The talk will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 3 p.m. at the Recreation Hall at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road. Refreshments will be served. Dorset and area residents are welcome to come to the camp to listen to him about this issue. For more information, call Esther at 766-2830.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish will hold a combined service at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Dorset at 11 a.m. on September 28. A luncheon will follow at the Dorset Recreation Centre. This will be a farewell service and luncheon for the Rev. Canon Tom and Nancy Crawford.

It's that time of year again and the annual recreation centre kitchen project Thanksgiving dinner is coming up on Sunday, October 12 with two sittings, one at 4:30 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Please call Donna Keul at 766-9253 to reserve your ticket.

Special wishes for the weeks of September 21 to 27 go out to Erich Nash, Clint MacKay, Helen Avery, Sandy Scott and Joy Baker Griffin and Happy Anniversary to Peggy and Don MacKay. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at (705) 766-0076.

Local boutique's styles featured in *Opulence*

Opulence, a fashion event in support of Gilda's Club Barrie, is taking place Tuesday Oct 21 at the Pine Ridge Ski Club in the scenic Copeland forest of Oro-Medonte. The evening of fabulous fashions for men and women will include an amazing array of styles from boutiques from Whispers North Gallery of Minden, Jan Knits Studio of Haliburton and a variety of fashions from shops in Orillia, Barrie and the Midland area.

"We also have wine, hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful silent auction featuring art from

Oro-Medonte shops and artisans," said Penny Gordon, fashion show co-ordinator. "We are overwhelmed by the support of area residents and sponsors who are anxious to see Gilda's Club become a reality for our region," she added.

There are 18 models who have all been touched by cancer who will hit the runway for this *Opulent* evening.

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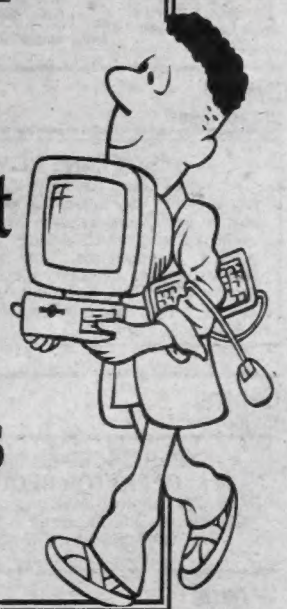
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General Employment A800



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K0M 1X0 Fax (705) 447-2475
Email admin@barklake.com

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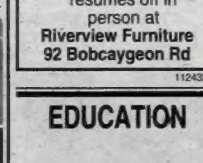
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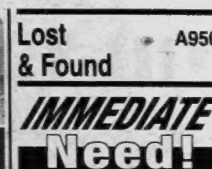
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"CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON MISSOURI"

And you can be there! Nov. 20 - 27. See eight top shows: DANIEL O'DONNELL, Bobby Vinton, Showboat Branson Belle, Shoji Tabuchi, Presley's motorcoach travel, accommodation & more. Limited number of seats left. No added fuel surcharges. American Express travel, Peterborough. 1-800-390-7968

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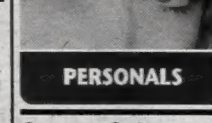
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IMMEDIATE Need!

GOLD BRACELET, lost in Haliburton, on Sept. 17th. Reward if found. (705)447-2148 for info.



PERSONALS

Garage Sales G100

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LOTS OF GREAT ITEMS! Furniture, electronics, tools etc. 37 Prince St, Minden



Announcements

Thank You Cards

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary be praised, adored, and glorified throughout the world.

Thanks for favors granted.
Promise to publish.
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Deaths

BOICE, Basil L. - (Former owner of Hyland Taxi). Passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, September 14, 2008. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and can be arranged through the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

HARRISON, Keith - Retired Employee from GM, Canada after 35 years. Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. At the age of 77. Beloved husband of Geraldine (nee Thompson) for 54 years. Loving father of Tim (Kim), Lorianne (deceased), and Sheila (Lonny). Dear grandpa of Mandy, Darryl (Brittany), Brandon, Allen, Patrick (Melanie), Ben (Tiffany), James, Kayla, Melissa, Joshua, Russell and great grandpa of Connor, Emma, Nathan (deceased), and Jackson. Son of the late William and Velma Harrison. Dear brother of Elmer (deceased), Mary (deceased), Mervin (deceased), Lloyd (deceased), Ruth (Cliff), Leitha, Jack (deceased) (Marilyn), Carl (Sharon), and Jim (Eleanor). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Friday from 7-9 pm. Memorial Service in the Chapel on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 11:00 am. Interment to follow at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to St. Peter's Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family.

Deaths

JOHNS, Martin Dr - Died peacefully in Hamilton on Sept. 18/08 at the age of ninety five. Martin was a distinguished scientist and teacher, and active volunteer in his church and community. Boshkung Lake was a special gathering place for his family for over seventy five years. He will be remembered for his warm heart and great sense of fun. He will be missed greatly by his daughter Beth Johns (Norris Turner) of West Guilford, son Ken Johns (Sharon) of Maxville, and his many grandchildren, extended family members, friends and students. His life will be celebrated on Saturday September 27 at Westdale United Church in Hamilton. Memorial donations to Westdale United Church (99 South Oval, Hamilton ON, L8S 3Z2) would be appreciated by the family.

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Card of thanks

OWENS - On behalf of the family and myself, I wish to thank everyone, family, friends, and comrades for all your support during the loss of my loving husband and friend Arthur, for flowers, food, cards and just being there. To Rev Tim Sharpe for the beautiful service, to Al Jopling and Lee Weir for the eulogies, to the pall bearers, the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Branch 441 and visiting comrades for the service and luncheon at Branch 441, to Monk Funeral Home for their love and caring. Your kindness will never be forgotten.
Bernice Owens

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**Saturday, September 27
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Consisting of Dodge Dakota 2002 truck, some antiques, large assortment of power and hand wood working equipment and household merchandise.

For information or to list your auction call Norm Mills Auctioneer/ Appraiser at 705-286-3535.

In memoriam

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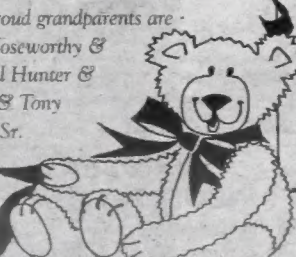
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Births



Tony Penick & Ashley Noseworthy are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl:
Madison Andrea
arrived at Peterborough Regional Hospital on
Sunday, September 14, 2008
at 2:25 am, weighing 6lbs, 11oz

Very proud grandparents are
Tina Noseworthy &
Michael Hunter &
Trudy & Tony
Penick Sr.



In memoriam

CARR, Toni - In loving memory of Toni Carr who passed away September 29, 2007.

*To my Mom and my best friend.
Some days she's in the confidant I tell
my troubles to, Some days she's my
audience, applauding things I do,
Some day's she's the shoulder I can
freely lean upon.*

*Some day's she's the gentle push
that helps me go on....*

*That's why I have so much love in my
heart on days your missed
so much your a woman I was
proud to call my mother and my friend.*
- Loved and missed by Lisa and Pete

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CARR, Toni - In loving memory of Toni Carr who passed away September 29th, 2007.

To Our Grandma

Your a very special Grandma We miss you very much. We wish that we could see you and feel your gentle touch.

The tears we cry aren't treats of joy there tears of times gone by. So spread your pretty Angel wings we always knew that you could fly.

- Love and kisses Dawson, Denver and Riley

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MISCIO, Mike (Sept 25, 1972), **Alfred** (Sept 2, 1989), **Petrol** (July 20, 1979), **Alvin** (Oct 22, 2002), **Eva** (May 30, 1967), **Vera** (Jun 29, 2000) - In loving memory of precious father, brothers, and sisters.

*A wonderful family laid to rest
while on earth they did their best*

Their place on earth no one can fill.

We love and miss you all and always will.

- Always remembered Nelly & family.

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Anniversaries



**Happy 60th Anniversary
Mom & Dad**

John & Vera Kernohan
Married September 23, 1948

*with love from
your family*

Anniversaries

Marriages

Marriages

Family & friends are invited to join

**Terri-Lynn Fairey
&
Robert Ritchie**

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September 27th, 2008**

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\$159,000

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Call Steve Brand

4 bdrm, exec cottage/home on quiet cul-de-sac. Total privacy. Level point lot on prestigious Kashagawigamog chain. 200' of rock/sand shoreline. Spectacular sunrises & sunsets. Fully fin w/o bsmt. Easy 5 min drive to Haliburton by car or boat. Features incl: 3200 sq ft, town sewers, hi-speed, drilled well, hrdwd flrs, cathedral ceiling, wheelchair ramp, propane FP's. 24'x24' insulated garage w/ loft. 2nd garage for toys. Recent home inspection report available. Call Steve Brand



Geoff Bunn
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.242



\$153,000

GREAT YEAR ROUND HOME

... or getaway for the outdoor enthusiast only a short distance to Sir Sam's ski hill, Basshaunt Lake for swimming at the public access, snowmobile trails are close by, or just to relax and enjoy the peace & quiet that Haliburton Highlands has to offer. Call Geoff Bunn



Terry Carr
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\$220,900

SOUTH LAKE

This 3 bdrm cottage with 85' frontage is the perfect place to start cottage life! The view up the lake is stunning & the cottage comes complete with boathouse & a great deck overlooking the water for entertaining. It even comes furnished! Call Terry Carr.



Fred Chapple
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\$688,500

BOSKUNG LAKE

Fantastic 3 lake chain! This waterfront property has the WOW factor! Level, landscaped lot with rippled golden sand beach. Custom built 5 bdrm bungalow with open concept kitchen & living area with FP. 22'x13' screened-in sunroom. Large deck, 2 car attached garage as well as a 2 car detached garage. Call for more details. Call Fred Chapple



Vicki Colicchia
Minden Office
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\$175,900

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Lenor Fulton & Tracy Ackerblade
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HIGHWAY 503 GOODERHAM

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Bill Kulas
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext.44



\$239,500

GULL RIVER - MISTIVALE ROAD

Check out this newly listed waterfront home/vacation cottage, only a short boat ride away from picturesque Gull Lake. Lovely landscaped lot with a fountain on a quiet cul-de-sac. Detached garage, 3 bdrms with full fin'd walk-out bsmt, large wrap around deck, propane FP, office/den & more. Check out www.BillKulas.com for the virtual tour & photo gallery.

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ENJOY COUNTRY LIVING JUST MINS FROM MINDEN

This spacious 3 bdrm home features laminate flooring, a sunroom, mudroom, and a full walkout bsmt all on a beautifully landscaped 2.6 acre lot. The handyman will enjoy the oversized garage with carport & also the storage shed. A lovely spot to raise your family with lots of room for the whole gang. Call Denise LeBlanc

\$119,000

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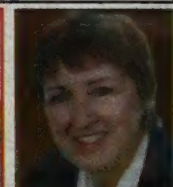
4 ACRES & FRONTAGE ON THE IRONDALE RIVER! Cozy & energy eff 2 bdrm, 1 bath home sits on over 4 acres with a natural pond & 140' of frontage on the Irondale River. Excellent drilled well & airtight woodstove. Full dry bsmt can be fin'd for an extra bdrm & family rm. Outbuildings & a greenhouse, asparagus, raspberries, rhubarb & perennial gardens as well as a nicely prepared veggie garden. Bird watchers paradise for migratory birds & miles of canoeing on the river.



Denise LeBlanc
Minden Office
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GULL RIVER - HOME BASED BUSINESS

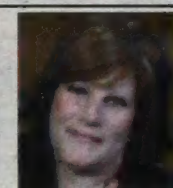
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! This excellent location offers a 3 bedroom home with a 36' x 46' garage on the Gull River in Norland. Move your home based business here. Call Lynda Litwin



Lynda Litwin
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext.35

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- \$19,900 - Good building lot, hydro at corner, walk to Basshaunt Lake



Karen Nimigon
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.224

\$118,000

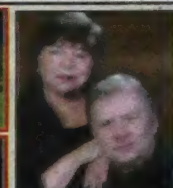
HUNTER CREEK ESTATES

Lovely bright open home at the end of Eighth Line. Private backyard with gardens, deck & screened porch. Three bdrms & 2 baths. Bright kitchen & large living rm for family get-togethers. Call for an appt. for details. Priced to sell! Call Tom & Gail Tempest

\$239,000

GLAMOUR LAKE COTTAGE

Great family cottage on a terrific lake. New shingles on roof, new deck, new floors, upgraded bathroom with shower & vanity. Exterior freshly painted as is the Bunkie to match. Very cute package and very affordable. Sand beach & no weeds! Great value! Priced to sell! Call Tom & Gail Tempest

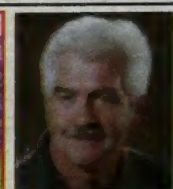


Tom & Gail Tempest
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\$195,000

INGOLDSBY HOME

Well maintained home in this beautiful rural community along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake. Country pine kitchen, w/out living rm to deck, 2 bdrms, unfinished bsmt, landscaped lot nicely treed in pines. Enjoy the view of the lake & access is short walk to beach. Call Ted Vasey



Ted Vasey
Haliburton Office
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\$249,000

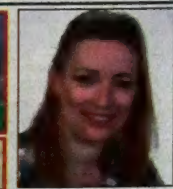
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If you're looking for privacy, look no further!! This 3 bdrm/2 bath home sits on 12.5 acres and is at the end of a dead end road. Features include: wraparound deck, cathedral ceilings, skylights, hrdwd floors, main floor master bdrm & a full walk-out bsmt. Call Melanie Vigrass

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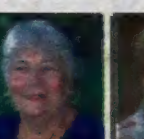
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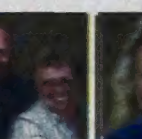
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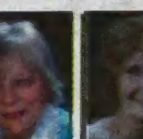
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